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✓ **Woodward's Yellow Journalism Tactics**

A An incident involving just-resigned CIA Director William Casey suggests just how few scruples Bob Woodward, the ex-Watergate *Wunderkind* and Washington *Post* reporter, has when pursuing a story. According to Washington *Times* Managing Editor Wesley Pruden, Woodward attempted to deceive Georgetown University Hospital personnel in order to force his way into the room of a gravely ill Casey, shortly after the CIA director underwent surgery for removal of a cancerous brain tumor.



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In his February 2 story, Pruden wrote that Woodward "crept up to the door [of Casey's room] and demanded to be let in.

"The nurse on the door shook her head. [Casey] could have no visitors except his immediate family and any others specifically authorized by the family.

" 'But he sent for me,' [Woodward] said. 'He wants to see *me*.'

" 'No visitors,' the guard at the door said. . . .

" 'Look,' [Woodward] said, 'let me just put my head through a crack in the door. As soon as he sees me, he'll know me.' "

According to Pruden's narrative, a supervisor was then called "to deal with the man's impudent persistence. The supervisor demanded identification. Only then did the man say—reluctantly—that he was Bob Woodward of the Washington *Post*."

HUMAN EVENTS contacted Woodward's office, but a spokesman would neither confirm nor deny the story, saying only that Woodward had made "no statement" regarding the *Times*' account. However, we did contact a spokesman at the hospital who said the *Times*' story was "basically correct." A CIA spokesman also said that Woodward had, indeed, tried to gain admittance to Casey's room.

"How low could a reporter stoop today for a story and keep his (no laughing please) ethics?" Pruden rhetorically asked.

For Woodward, apparently, whose paper never carried a word of the story, as low as possible.